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**SECRETARY OF STATE BYSIEWICZ' STATEMENT ON THE DOD'S
RECOMMENDED CLOSURE OF THE GROTON SUB BASE**

The following is a statement from Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz on today's announcement that the Department of Defense is recommending the closure of the Groton Sub Base:

“This short-sighted decision by the Bush Administration, if allowed to stand, will be devastating to our state's economy and to thousands of hard-working families, particularly in Southeastern Connecticut. If the base is closed, the ramifications will extend far beyond the base, its thousands of employees and their families to the hundreds of small business owners and their workers throughout the state that provide goods and services to the base.

Moreover, this recommended move raises serious concerns about our region's protection in terms of Homeland Security. With Connecticut's strategic location between New York and Boston and with a major nuclear facility on our coastline, closing this base to save a few bucks is dead wrong and dangerous.

The Bush Administration has spent \$200 billion to improve the lives of the citizens in Iraq. Now it wants to destroy the lives of thousands of families in Connecticut and throughout the country in order to save \$48.8 billion over the next twenty years. I urge our Congressional delegation and all their colleagues to set our nation's priorities straight and protect American families by denying this recommendation.”

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